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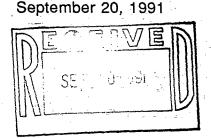
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Dear Dr. McAllister,



I have been asked to organize a conference for the <u>Federation of American Socities for Experimental Biology</u> on the topic "Vitamin C and Vitamin E in free radical reactions". The conference will be held at the Vermont Acadamy in Saxtons River, Vermont, from July 19-24, 1992. This conference on free radicals is the first one sponsored by the FASEB that covers this broad topic; this might evolve into a biannual event that focuses on various aspects of free radical biochemistry/physiology/pathophysiology. Because your company is intimately involved in free radicals from a different perspective, I am hopeful that you will consider providing support in the form of financial aid.

The conference on <u>Vitamin C and Vitamin E</u> will focus on the role of these nutrients in protection against biological damage that results from oxygen metabolism, carcinogens, radiation etc. Free radicals are now considered to contribute to diseases such as diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis and other inflammatory problems, ocular diseases and cancers. In addition, free radicals appear to contribute to reperfusion injury following ischemia, to damage from radiation and hyperbaric oxygen, and to the general process of ag ing. Thus, the potential audience for a series of meetings on free radical damage is quite great.

The Vice-chairman of the meeting is Dr. Mary Carpenter of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. Dr. Carpenter has expertise in vitamin E research, and is organizing that aspect of the conference. I am responsible for the presentations on ascorbate. A unique aspect of the meeting will be to explore how vitamins C and E work synergistically. About 30 participants from the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and Japan have tentatively agreed to attend as invited speakers (please see enclosed list). Total attendence will be limited to 150.

I am trying to raise approximately \$20,000 in addition to the ~\$8,000 provided by the FASEB to support the travel of speakers and junior investigators; many of these would otherwise not be able to attend this novel meeting. All participants will benefit from the financial help you provide because it will contribute to the overall quality of the meeting. I will be able to

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direct your contribution to the support of a specific individual(s) on the program, if you wish.

If you would like more details about the meeting, please feel free to call or write. I and the other conferees will greatly appreciate any financial support you can provide.

**Note:** If you are not the appropriate individual within your institution to review this request, I would appreciate your kind efforts in directing this to the proper office.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Rose, Ph.D.

**Professor** 

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## Enclosure

Note: Checks should be annotated "Vitamin C/Vitamin E" and made payable to: FASEB 9650 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20014